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SUBJ: GATT COUNCIL DISCUSION OF ZENITH

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1. MISSION INFORMED JAPANESE DEL (UKAWA) OF US POSITION AS SET FORTH REFTEL. THEY PLEASED AT OUR AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE AND SUBSEQUENT US ACTION IN TERMS OF REFERENCE. THEY ALSO REQUESTED INCLUION OF "AND REPORT EXPEDITIOUSLY TO COUNCIL" TO WHICH WE AGREED. WE ALSO BOTH AGREED TO DELETE WORD "SUPPLEMENTARY" FROM TEXT ON ADVISE OF GATT SECRETARIAT THAT IT TECHNICALLY INCORRECT.

2. UKAWA NOTED THAT GOJ SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED THAT TERMS OF REFERENCE DO NOT MAKE IT CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT WORKING PARTY SHOULD CONSIDER QUESTION OF CONSISTENCY OF US COURT DECISION AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION WITH GATT. WE AGREED
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IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR JAPAN TO STATE FOR THE RECORD THAT THIS IS THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF WP FUNCTION AND THAT US WOULD NOT TAKE ISSUE WITH THEIR ASSERTON.

3. WE ALSO INFORMED UKAWA THAT US WILL TAKE ISSUE WITH ANY CLAIM THAT SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION PER SE IS A GATT VIOLATION. HE STATED THEY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO

MAKE THIS POINT NOT ONLY IN WORKING PARTY BUT ALSO IN MAY 23 COUNCIL. WE RESPONDED THAT IF THEY MAKE POINT IN COUNCIL, WE WOULD MAKE CONTRARY ASSERTION. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION, BOTH EC (LUYTEN) AND GATT SECRETARIAT (PATTERSON) EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF US TOOK THIS POSITION IN COUNCIL AND WORKING PARTY. US DEL LOOKS FORWARD TO BRIEFING BY BARDEN ON INTRICACIES OF THIS ISSUE MORNING OF MAY 23.

4. JAPANESE AND SECRETARIAT SUGGEST COUNCIL CHAIRMAN PROPOSE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP OF WORKING PARTIES, WITH UNDERSTANDING ANY OTHER CPS DESIRING TO JOIN MAY DO SO: AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, EC, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, U.S., YUGOSLAVIA.

5. JAPANESE INFORM US FACILITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR FIRST MEETING OF WP ON MAY 31 AND THAT CHAIRMAN FARNON WOULD BE AVAILABLE. PER BARRACLOUGH/BRUNGART TELECON, UNDERSTAND WE WILL BE INFORMED WHETHER THIS DATE ACCEPTABLE. SORENSEN.

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